

such as to define a vertical rib 21 extending between the arms 18. (Column 1, lines 71 to 74). In addition, the inner end of the base 15 is grooved vertically, as indicated at 28, to provide clearance for screw heads during sliding of the base 15 onto a bracket 23. (Column 2, lines 20 to 25).

Claim 1 requires an indicator block to have "a pair of spaced apart walls. . . a cover connecting said walls at one end thereof; and at least one bridge connected to and extending between said walls in spaced relation to said cover." Springer does not describe or teach such a structure.

It is understood that the Examiner considers a portion of the main body 16 of Springer that is adjacent to the channel 28 as a "cover" and a portion of the main body 16 adjacent to the rib 21 as a 'bridge'. Such an interpretation requires that the "walls" 18 extend to the portion of the main body 16 adjacent to the channel 28 thereby becoming part of the main body 16. This interpretation also requires the walls 18 to extend beyond the main body 16 to form the channel 28. If so, the "cover" of Springer would not be "at one end" from the walls 18 as required by claim 1.

Since the main body 16 of Springer is the cover connecting the walls 18 at one end thereof, a portion of this main body portion 16 cannot be read as a "bridge. . . extending. . . in spaced relation to said cover".

In view of the above, a rejection of claim 1 as being anticipated by Springer is not warranted pursuant to the provisions of 35 USC 102(b).

Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

Claim 8 depends from claim 6 that has been indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, a rejection of claim 8 as being unpatentable over Springer is not warranted pursuant to the provisions of 35 USC 103(a).

Claim 14 contains recitations similar to claim 1 and is believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

Claim 34 contains recitations similar to claim 1 and is believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

Claims 5 depends from claim 3; however, the status of claim 5 is not referenced in the Office Action.

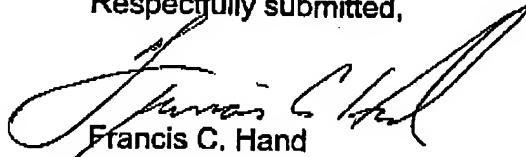
Claim 23 depends from claim 20 that has been allowed. Accordingly, the withdrawal of claim 23 from consideration is not warranted.

Claims 27 and 28 depend from claim 24 that has been allowed. Accordingly, withdrawal of claims 27 and 28 from consideration is not warranted.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the finality of the Office Action is requested on the basis that the Final Rejection is premature. Specifically, the Examiner has introduced a new ground of rejection that is neither necessitated by applicant's Amendment to the claims nor based on information submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement. Note that claim 1 is an original claim and has not been amended. Claim 1 has been rejected on a new ground of rejection based upon a newly cited reference, i.e. Springer.

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